

**IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**SHERMAN DIVISION**

**DATE: 5/16/2025**

**CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE  
Amos L. Mazzant, III**

**COURT REPORTER: Chris Bickham  
COURTROOM DEPUTY: Keary Conrad**

United States of America	
v.	4:22CR162
Edward Walsh Vaughan (1) Hadi Akkad (2)	

<b>ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF</b>	<b>ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT</b>
AUSAs Anand Varadarajan, GR Jackson	John D. Cline, Joseph D. Brown, Samuel Ford (1)
	David B. Gerger, Heather Peterson, Jeff Kearney (2)
Movant: USA Bank, NA and Elavon, Inc.	

On this day, came the parties by their attorneys and the following proceedings were held in Sherman, TX:

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>MINUTES: Jury Trial - Day 4</b>
9:02 a.m.	Court in session, jury seated.
9:04 a.m.	Govt witness: Sean Lynch, reminded he is still under oath. David Gerger continues cross examination.
9:19 a.m.	Defendant Exhibits 55, 640, 1059, 1048, 242, 83, 174, 200, 205, 654. Government Exhibit 152.
10:30 a.m.	Jury excused. Court recess.
10:45 a.m.	Court re-covenied. Jury seated. David Gerger cross.
10:52 a.m.	Defendant Exhibit 644.
10:53 a.m.	John Cline cross examination.
10:59 a.m.	Glenn Roque-Jackson re-direct.
11:07 a.m.	David Gerger re-cross. Defendant Exhibit 1048A
11:14 a.m.	Glenn Roque-Jackson re-direct.
11:14 a.m.	Witness excused.
11:14 a.m.	Stipulation read into the record by AUSA Glenn Roque-Jackson.

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11:15 a.m.	Govt witness: Ralph "Alex" Elmore, IV, sworn. AUSA Jackson direct examination.
11:24 a.m.	Government exhibit 146.
11:26 a.m.	John Cline cross examination.
11:35 a.m.	Roque-Jackson re-direct.
11:35 a.m.	Bench conference.
11:38 a.m.	Witness excused.
11:39 a.m.	Govt witness: Karen Hottle, sworn. AUSA Jackson direct.
12:14 p.m.	Witness excused.
12:14 p.m.	Govt witness: Laurie Sheehan, sworn. AUSA Varadarajan direct.
12:21 p.m.	Government Exhibit 137B, 124B.
12:30 p.m.	Jury excused. Court recess.
1:34 p.m.	Court re-convened. Jury seated.
1:37 p.m.	AUSA Varadarajan direct of Laurie Sheehan continues. Government Exhibits 124B, 123B, 122B.
2:08 p.m.	Samuel Ford cross. Defendant Exhibit 634. No objection. Admitted.
2:16 p.m.	Defendant Exhibit 642. No objection. Admitted.
2:32 p.m.	AUSA Varadarajan re-direct. Government Exhibits 124B and 123B.
2:38 p.m.	Govt witness: Jonathon Dotson, sworn. AUSA Varadarajan direct.
2:48 p.m.	Government Exhibits 136A, 188.
3:09 p.m.	Jury excused. Court recess.
3:26 p.m.	Court re-convened. Jury seated.
3:27 p.m.	AUSA Varadarajan continues direct.
3:35 p.m.	Government Exhibit 220. Counsel Ford requests for optional completeness that the entire email being Defendant's Exhibit 170 be admitted. No objection. Exhibits admitted.
3:38 p.m.	Government Exhibit 180.
3:43 p.m.	Samuel Ford cross examination.
3:49 p.m.	Bench conference.

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3:57 p.m.	Samuel Ford cross examination.
3:58 p.m.	Jury excused.
4:00 p.m.	Court adjourned.

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